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United Front To Save Prohibition

MADRAS CONFERENCE DEMANDS WITHDRAWAL OF GOVERNOR'S ORDER

MADRAS, Dec. 27.

"The proposed action breaks all accepted conventions and sets at naught all salutary precedents", observed Mr. P. Chenchiah, ex-Chief Judge, Pudukottah, presiding over the Madras Provincial Prohibition Conference held at the Victoria Public Hall this afternoon, in response to the invitation of Mr. K. Bhashyam, President, Madras Prohibition Committee, to protest against the Government Order suspending prohibition.

Mr. Chenchiah observed: "The Indian Christian feels as strongly as the Hindu and Muslim and is willing to join with them whole-heartedly in all efforts to prevent the proposed action of the Government, which is devoid as much of political sagacity as of moral justification; the issue is a moral one, something higher than social one. It is part of the world battle against the anti-social forces of evil. Prohibition is world warfare and has a world front.

Proceeding Mr. Chenchiah said: "I want to declare to the world from this place that this repeal is not desired by the people, not necessitated by the release of colossal evils as in America, not even demanded by vested interests.

Dr. Syed Niamatullah, Mayor of Madras, who moved the main resolution said that with the Muslims, prohibition was an article of faith. The Holy Prophet had prohibited intoxicating drinks, because it would cause unhappiness and ruin the society. The Mayor declared it was the religious duty of every Mussalman to carry the message of Islam to other people and persuade them to give up drink which he said was the mother of all evils. The speaker hoped that the Government would respond to public opinion and withdraw their order, before it was too late.

The resolution which was seconded by Dewan Bahadur Bashyam Iyengar and supported by a number of others was unanimously passed.

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari speaking in Tamil said that those who advised the Governor to order the suspension of the Prohibition Act did a grave wrong and an injustice not only to the people of this presidency but to His Excellency himself. There was hardly any subject which had not evoked controversy in the country. But so far as prohibition was concerned, there was complete unanimity of opinion among the people of this land, irrespective of party affiliations, castes or colour. Neither the war nor the requirements of peace and order in the country had warranted such an act on the part of the Government as to order the suspension of prohibition. All political parties in the country, workers, students and other welfare organisations had expressed themselves unequivocally against the suspension order. Mr. Rajagopalachari hoped that the advisers would realize their mistake and persuade the Governor to withdraw his order before it was put into force. He also appealed to the people to carry on a sustained agitation, until the drink evil was completely eradicated from the country.

In the absence of Haji Moulvi Habibulla Sahib, Kazi of Madras, who should have opened the conference, Moulana Abdul Razack inaugurated the proceedings with a recitation from Quoran. Declaring open the conference, the Moulana in an Urdu speech said that he spoke with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow—joy because all communities specially the Hindus and the Muslims who in recent years were drifting apart, were now again united in their protest against the suspension of prohibition. He felt sorrow because the wholesome measure, the Prohibition Act, which had brought happiness and prosperity to lakhs of people was sought to be repealed. It was unfortunate, he said, that the Muslims who should have taken the lead in the agitation against suspension, were somewhat lukewarm. It was the religious duty of every Muslim to support prohibition, he declared. He appealed to his co-religionists to work shoulder to shoulder with their non-Muslim brethren and see that the drink evil was completely eradicated from the country.

He also appealed to the Government to withdraw their order suspending prohibition.

The conference was attended by delegates from all over the Presidency, including a large number of legislators and members of local boards and representatives of labour, student and women organisations.

Mr. K. Bashyam, Chairman of the Reception Committee, welcoming the delegates, said: "I believe in the justice of our cause and the sacredness of the movement, that even if I do not succeed, I shall not consider any work done in trying to save prohibition is wasted effort"—A. P.

SOVIET WINTER OFFENSIVE SPREADS

Russians Effect Break-Through And Capture Several Places

LONDON, Dec. 27.

The German radio said to-day that the Soviet winter offensive has now spread to further sectors. "Apart from the areas of Zhitomir and Vitebsk, enemy has renewed his break-through attempts at Dnieper bend and north-west of Krichev, the radio stated.

Sunday's Soviet communique said, "Troops of the First Ukrainian Front commanded by General Vatutin launched an offensive against the German Fascist troops south of Radomysl and broke-through the enemy front on a 50-mile front and to a depth of 25 miles.

In three days of offensive fighting, our troops liberated over 150 localities including the town of Radomysl and three military centres in the Zhitomir region Brusilov and two others.

Military centres captured in the Zhitomir region, as announced in to-night's Soviet communique are Brusilov, Kornin and Potelnya.

RLY. CENTRE OF KRYNKI CAPTURED

The Soviet supplement says "In the Vitebsk our advancing units broke through enemy defences and smashed several of his centres of resistance North and east of Vitebsk our troops forced the Lososina River captured a number of inhabited localities on its western bank. Our units also captured the railway station of Krynki".—Reuter

U. S. PLANES RAID CANTON 'DROME

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27: American LIBERATOR bombers have dropped 30 tons of bombs on Canton aerodrome, damaging runways, hangars and other installations. Six of fifteen ZERO fighters, which came up to intercept, were shot down.—Reuter.

S. I. E. S. High School, Annual Sports

The annual sports and prize distribution of the S.I.E.S. High School was held on the Indian Gymkhana grounds on the 26th instant. Mr. R. P. Kar, Educational Inspector, Bombay Division, Bombay, presided on the occasion.

245 boys and 216 girls entered the competition and of these 57 boys and 64 girls entered the finals.

At the close of the sports, Mr. S. Srinivasa Iyer, Principal of the School, welcomed Mr. Kar and other guests.

A special feature of this year was the awarding of championship cups to the boys and girls of the several grades.

After the distribution of prizes Mr. Kar complimented the school on its varied activities. He congratulated the Principal and the Staff on the excellent discipline shown by the pupils of the school and for the excellent way in which the sports were organised.

LONDON:—Permission officially granted to French and Danish merchant vessels now in British Government service to fly their national flags henceforward places them on equality with United Nations' ships.—Reuter.

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AMERICAN STEEL STRIKE

Roosevelt's Appeal Falls Flat On Workers

PITTSBURG, Dec. 27: Despite Roosevelt's appeal it is estimated that about 100,000 American steel-workers did not report for work on midnight shift in various plants of the country last night.

Ohio has the biggest number of workers away from mills, strikers from one plant there carrying a banner with the coal miners' old cry "No contract, no work" President Roosevelt yesterday appealed to steel-workers and steel companies to keep working under the old contracts until their differences can be adjusted.

HYDEPARK (NEW YORK): President Roosevelt promised steel-workers that any wage increases they received would be retractive to the date of the expiration of their contracts with the steel companies.

At the same time he told the companies that increases in the price of steel will be considered if the wage increase given to workers caused undue burden to the companies.—Reuter.

19 Deaths In Calcutta Hospitals

CALCUTTA, Dec. 27.

Yesterday 19 sick destitutes died in various hospitals in the city and suburbs.—A. P

"HINDU SABHA ALONE CAN NEGOTIATE WITH MUSLIMS"

AMRITSAR, December 27.

The second day's sitting of the open session of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha commenced at four this afternoon under the presidency of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee in Tilak Nagar.

Dr. Mookherjee moved two resolutions from the chair. The first expressed profound regret over the death of prominent Hindu Mahasabha leaders.

The second resolution expressed the concern of the Conference at the ill-health of Mr. V. D. Savarkar and prayed for the restoration of his health. The resolutions were carried unanimously.

Dr. Mookherjee then referred to the incident of the 25th and said that the Punjab Government had "throttled free expression in a scandalous manner." "This is democracy working in India to-day," he added.

Mr. Mookerjee, ex-Minister, C.P. moved resolution on Hindu Sanghatan, Mr. Vishwanath Sastri (Bengal) seconded and Mr. Prithvi Singh Azad, of the Depressed Classes, Mr. Rajan Mal Sastri (U.P.) and Sardar Lal Singh of Lyallpur supported the resolution which was passed unanimously.

Mr. Bhopatkar (Maharashtra) then moved that the Hindu Mahasabha alone "is competent to carry on negotiations on behalf of Hindus and any settlement arrived at without the approval of the Hindu Mahasabha would not be binding on the Hindus and the Hindu Mahasabha.

He said that after the war in the near future some agreement with the Government was bound to be reached. The Indian National Congress claimed to represent Hindus, but the speaker observed that the Congress would not and should not represent the Hindus.

Prof. Deshapande (Nagpur) seconded the resolution. Rai Bahadur Kanwar Guru Narain (U.P.) said that the Lucknow Pact was responsible for bringing Pakistan into being. He expressed his firm conviction that the Punjab which was the birthplace of Pakistan would also prove to be the graveyard of Pakistan.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Pandit Ram Krishen Pandey (Mahakoshal) said that the Pakistani Muslims were grossly mistaken in believing that they would be happy in Pakistan and illustrated the case of famine-stricken Bengal in support of his contention.

Mr. Rabindranath Mookerjee (Bengal) characterised Pakistan as a base and vicious scheme of divide and rule. He declared that Pakistan a physical absurdity and could never be accepted by Hindus.

Diwan Dalip Chand (Frontier Province) also supported the resolution which was unanimously passed.

Mr. Chand Karan Sharda (Rajasthan) next moved the resolution on "Satyarth Prakash". The mover said that the Muslim League had demanded that certain chapters of "Satyarth Prakash" should be expunged whereas Mr. Savarkar had declared that the "Satyarth Prakash" was the religious book of the Hindus.

Alluding to the Muslim threat to make every sacrifice for the proscription of the book, Mr. Sharda declared that if the Muslims adopted the attitude of Aurangzeb, the Hindus would have to play the role of Shivaji. They would offer Satyagraha and fight with all their might, he added.

Mr. Anand Priya (Baroda) seconding the resolution said that if the Muslims continued to demand the confiscation of "Satyarth Prakash", the Hindus would be compelled to ask for the confiscation of Quran.

Mr. Kundan Lal Mamba (Lyalpur) supported the resolution.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. Kushalchand Khursand, proprietor of the "Daily Milap" moved the resolution regarding Akhand Bharat (integrity of India). The mover vigorously opposed the vivisection of India and declared Pakistan would sound the deathknell of Hindustan. Sir Gokul Chand Narang said that Mahatma Gandhi was against Pakistan which, the Mahatma had said, could only be built on his dead body.

Raja Narendra Nath (Punjab) seconded the resolution.

Supporting the resolution, Mr. Bhojraj Advani (Sind) said that not a single Sindhi Hindu in Sind would accept Pakistan. Mr. Karandikar (Poona) further supported the resolution.

He uttered a warning to the British Government and the Muslim League to remember that the Hindus were united in opposition to Pakistan and that no power on earth would enable Mr. Jinnah to achieve Pakistan.

A number of purses amounting to about Rs. 70,000 were presented to Dr. Mookerjee on behalf of the various branches of the Punjab Hindu Sabha and several individuals. A sword and an address of welcome were also presented by the Amritsar Yarn Brokers' Association.

A brass pitcher containing the sacred water of the Ganges which was brought from Hardwar by a batch of delegates was also presented to Dr. Mookerjee. The Hindu-Muslim-Sikh League, Qaidan, presented a purse of Rs. 250 to Dr. Mookerjee.—A. P.

Ex-President Of Pretoria Indian Congress Dead

PRETORIA, Dec. 27: The death has occurred of Mr. Shaikh Ahmed, well-known member of the Pretoria Indian community. He founded the Pretoria Islamic Society, and was president of the Pretoria Indian Congress.

The death occurred while Mr. Ahmed, was touring the Cape Province, organising branches of the Cape Indian Association, of which he was the President.—Reuter.

To Cut Down Brass Vessels' Price

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27.

It is proposed shortly to release every month a limited quantity of brass sheets for conversion into domestic utensils. These sheets will be distributed among manufacturers who have a monthly productive capacity of 25 tons and over, says a Press Note.

Manufacturers who are interested in receiving a share of these released brass sheets should write, not later than January 10, 1944, to the Department of Industries and Civil Supplies, New Delhi, indicating their total monthly productive capacity.

Certain conditions will be prescribed by the Government of India in order to ensure that the utensils produced can be placed on the market at the lowest possible price, and it would be convenient if the manufacturers state their readiness to comply with such conditions.—A.P.

POWELLS' TRADE DISPUTE

Mr. E. M. Nanavaty, I.C.S. (retired), has been appointed to adjudicate in the trade dispute between the management of Messrs Powells Ltd., Bombay, and their employees.

FIRST PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS

The centenary celebrations of the late Mr. W. C. Bonnerjee, one of the pioneers of the Indian National Congress, and its first President, will be inaugurated at Calcutta on the 29th Dec., his birthday, by Dr. Shyamaprasad Mookerjee. The celebration committee has chalked out a programme which includes the preparation of a commemoration volume, raising of funds for founding a lectureship at the Calcutta University and presentation of a life size portrait to be hung up in a public building.

DETENU DIES OF CHOLERA IN JAIL

D. N. Biswas Who Was Krishak Proja Party Official

GOPALGUNJ, Dec. 26.

The death has occurred in the Faridpur Sadar jail of Mr. Dhirendra Nath Biswas, security prisoner. He had an attack of cholera to which he succumbed within 24 hours. Mr. Biswas was the Organising Secretary of the District Krishak Proja Party.—A. P.

Acharya Bhise To Be Released?

(From Our Correspondent)
THANA, Dec. 27

I learn that orders have been given for the unconditional release of Acharya Bhise who is detained at the Nasik Jail.

B. N. Maheshwari Ill

BOMBAY, Monday.

Mr. B. N. Maheshwari who is at present detained under the Defence of India Rule at Yerwada Central Prison, has been recently transferred to the Sassoon Hospital owing to illness

Sampat Released On Parole

Mr. Durlabh G. Sampat, a political detenu since October last year was released on parole from Yeravda Jail for two months on Friday last.

EX-MINISTER ON PAROLE

PESHAWAR, Dec. 27: Qazi Attaullah, ex-Minister of Education, has been released on seven days' Parole due to the death of his mother.—United Press.

Next Year's Venue Of Liberal Federation

LAHORE, Dec. 27.

Sardar P. S. Sodhbans, left to night for Bombay to attend the 24th session of the National Liberal Federation.

A meeting of the Punjab Liberal Federation held last night passed a resolution authorising Sardar Sodhbans to extend an invitation for the holding of the next session of the Liberal Federation in Lahore.—A.P.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE

One Malaya Sayama, getting tired of his existence, poured kerosene oil on his clothes and set them on fire in order to get rid of his life, due to which he got severe burns. He was placed before the Magistrate, Dadar Police Court on Monday on the charge of attempting suicide and was released on bail.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (March)

New York, Dec 27.

Previous closing	19.55
To-day's, opening	19.58
Difference	+.03
To-day's closing	19.57
Difference	+.02

CHITTAGONG RAIDED AGAIN

5 Jap Planes Shot Down; Casualties Reported To Be Light

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27.

Japanese bombers with fighter escort raided the Chittagong area yesterday morning, says a communique. Our fighters engaged the enemy and shot down five of them and damaged three others.

Another enemy aircraft was destroyed by anti-aircraft fire and ane damage.

Reports indicate that the damage and casualties caused were light.—A. P

ALLIED AIR ATTACK ON BANGKOK

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27.

Bangkok was attacked again on the night of 23/24 December by a large formation of heavy U. S. bombers, and by heaviest of the R. A. F. says a "communique" issued by South East Asia Command to-day.

The U. S. aircraft concentrated on the terminus railway station, scoring many hits in the yards and on adjacent buildings while the R.A.F. divided its attack between these targets and the arsenal area also scoring many hits on their objectives.—A. P.

OVERALL DIRECTOR OF INDIA'S MILITARY ADMINISTRATION

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27

Lt.-Gen. Sir Wilfrid Gordon Lindsell, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., the man who solved the desert supply riddle of North Africa, has been given the overall direction of India's military administration.

As principal administrative officer, India Command, he will, under the Commander-in-Chief General Sir Claude Auchinleck, co-ordinate the work of the Adjutant-General, Quarter-Master General, Master General of the Ordnance and Engineer-in-Chief, with the primary object of organising the military base in India on which the operations of the South-East Asia Command will depend. He will ensure co-operation of the Civil authorities, including the Supply Department, Railway Board, Port and Transportation authorities in support of military requirements.

NEW PHASE OF LEND-LEASE

U. S. Articles For North Africa And Britain

LONDON, Dec. 27.

From Reuter's city correspondent:

No confirmation is obtainable here on New York Press reports that a long list of articles, including machinetools, which have hitherto been sent from the United States to Britain and French North Africa under Lend-Lease will henceforth be bought for cash but there is no reason to doubt their accuracy.

Regarding French North Africa Americans for some time have apparently been operating under the quaint name of "Cash Reimbursable Lend Lease".

Regarding Britain the arrangement seems to be that the Lend-Lease terms are altered—for instance the transfer of tobacco from Lend-Lease to the cash list and more recently Britain's undertaking to supply all Colonial and United Kingdom materials gratis to the United States—when Britain's dollar accumulation reaches a specified level, although the main source of Britain's dollars is the lavish spending of United States servicemen on Britain's very restricted supplies of consumer goods and amenities.—Reuter.

Outsider Wins Viceroy's Cup

CALCUTTA, Dec. 27.

A rank outsider Colorado Claro quoted on the books 12/1 annexed to-day in easy manner by two and half lengths the coveted Viceroy's Cup, the long distance Blue Riband of the Indian Turf at the Calcutta Races this afternoon. There was a large holiday attendance, it being the Seventh Day of the first meeting—A.P.

INDIAN TROOPS CAPTURE VILLAGRANDE

GERMANS BEING DRIVEN OUT OF ORTONA STREET BY STREET

LONDON, December 27.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA COMMUNIQUE REPORTS FIERCE FIGHTING CONTINUES IN ORTONA. THE FIFTH ARMY CAPTURED TWO IMPORTANT HILLS. INDIANS COMPLETED THE CAPTURE OF VILLAGRANDE.

To-day's 'communique' states:—"NAVY:—During the night of December 23/24 British destroyers shelled Drvenik on the Dalmatian coast.

LAND:—Fierce fighting continues in Ortona. The enemy is being driven out street by street. Indian troops completed the capture of Villagrande, inflicting casualties and taking prisoners. In the central sector of the Fifth Army front our troops attacked and occupied two important hills

AIR:—Yesterday in the Florence area Prato and Pistoia railway junction and key-point of Emoli were bombed by strong forces of our medium bombers. Initial reports indicate that good coverage was obtained. Our fighters damaged rolling stock near Pedaso. A merchant vessel was attacked off San Benevento.

It is officially announced that Lieut.-Gen. Freyberg, V.C., is in command of the second New Zealand division in Italy.

INDIANS ON SCENE

CALDRAI, Dec. 23:—Troops of the Eighth Indian Division are fighting in the village of Villagrande, where their old foes paratroopers are making a stand, writes an Indian Army observer.

A British regiment with artillery and tank support attacked and reached the outskirts of the village. Paratroopers also with artillery support launched a counter-attack. British troops broke up the counter-attack and advanced. They entered the village fighting for each house. Our tank helped infantry by blasting houses which paratroopers had converted into defensive points. Simultaneously Punjabi columns are making for other parts of the defensive line in front of Tollo.

SIKHS CROSS 'NULLAH'

Two companies of the 'Frontier Force Rifles routed enemy forces stronger than themselves north of the Orsogna—Ortona lateral road. The first attack was on the cross-roads. Sikhs led by Lieut. Bahadur Sher crossed a 'Nullah' with some tanks and under a smoke-screen and covering fire given by other tanks. Heavy enemy machine-gun fire was encountered but our tanks replied with all their weapons. At dusk the Sikhs rushed the village to find wounded Germans left by the fleeting enemy. Some prisoners and enemy equipment were captured.—Reuter.

Nazi Attempt To Land On Croatian Island Foiled

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Yugoslav Army of Liberation 'communique' says: German reinforcements are continually being brought up in Oblivno, Duvno and Banija sectors in East Bosnia in an effort to break through to liberated territories. "An attempt by German troops to land on Croatian island, which is in the hands of the Yugoslav Army of Liberation, was foiled. At Zagreb the aerodrome of Velika-Goritza was destroyed."—Reuter.

Allies Effect More Landings

Successful Operation On Both Sides Of Cape Gloucester In New Guinea

LONDON, Dec. 27.

Advanced Allied Headquarters in New Guinea:

It is officially announced that marines landed on Sunday on both sides of Cape Gloucester on the north-west shore of New Guinea. In these landings not a single man was lost.

61 JAP PLANES SHOT DOWN

Gen. MacArthur's Communique says: "The enemy counter-attacked in the air several times, employing strongly escorted medium and dive-bombers against our beachheads and shipping. He was defeated in every attempt, losing 61 planes in air combat, with others probably shot down. We lost one ship by a direct hit and three others sustained minor damage from near misses. Seven of our planes failed to return and others were damaged.

This operation confirms our hold on western New Britain and presages our growing command of the Bismarck Sea reaches. By advancing our air bases it increases the air threat to Rabaul's supply lines and will shortly bring the Kavieng-Admiralty Islands area within decisive reach of our landbased air attack".

COAL CONTROLLER FOR INDIA

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The newly appointed Coal Controller for India Mr. P. C. Young has left England to take up his duties.—Reuter.

NAZI WARSHIP SUNK

British Fleet In Action Off North Cape Bags "Scharnhorst"

LONDON, Dec. 26.

The German battleship "Scharnhorst" was sunk this evening off North Cape.

The German News Agency says that "Scharnhorst" is lost.

A British Admiralty communique describing the sinking of the "Scharnhorst" says "This afternoon, December 26, the German battleship "Scharnhorst", was brought to action by units of the Home Fleet under the command of Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser which were covering a North Russian convoy. The "Scharnhorst" was sunk this evening off North Cape."

The "Scharnhorst" one of the most famous German battleships was built in 1936. She had a displacement of 26,000 tons and a normal crew of 1,461.

North Cape where the battleship was sunk is on the extreme north of Norway on the convoy route to Murmansk.

NEXT TURN IS JAPAN'S

NEW YORK: The 'New York Times" in a late edition leader said that Admiral Fraser has had his revenge and added "every naval success thus frees Allied warships for other purposes. The day will come when great naval forces will turn them bows to the Orient and it will be Japan's turn to face the combined weight of Britain's seapower".

Viceroy's Address To Legislatures

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27.

It is understood that H E. the Viceroy will address the Central Legislature on February 17.—A. P.

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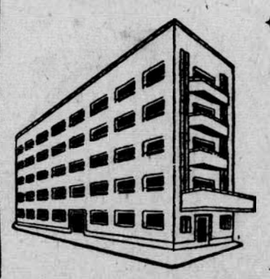

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Dec. 27.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

You can build up an Empire by arms of ephemeral brute physical force, but you can preserve it only by the eternal moral forces only. Brute force will, sometime or other, break down; righteousness alone is everlasting.

—Dadabhai Navroji

The Bombay Chronicle

HINDU MAHASABHA

The Hindu Mahasabha, which is holding its Silver Jubilee Session at Lahore, is in many respects the antithesis of the Muslim League. When the one tends to go to one extreme, the other almost automatically moves towards the other extreme. Yet, curiously enough, there is some sort of resemblance, too, between the two bodies. Both distrust and oppose the Congress, which is open to all communities and has always maintained a national policy. The Mahasabha opposes the Congress on the plea that it concedes too much to the League, which, on the other hand, complains it receives little or nothing from it. In a way the two contrary charges destroy each other and only prove the correctness of the Congress position. But in so far as it is desirable for the Congress not merely to do the right but also to make the people feel that it does the right, it must be confessed that so far it has not succeeded much in the latter task. Its leaders are not free to carry on propaganda in support of their policy. Government, more than ever before and for obvious reasons, are encouraging communalism and opposition to the Congress. It behoves Congress leaders who are free to see that Congress policy is not misunderstood by the public as a result of the misrepresentation by Government and the communalists.

In fairness to Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee who is acting as President in place of Mr. V. D. Savarkar, who is too ill to preside himself, it must be said that he is fairer to the Congress and less hostile towards its policy than many Mahasabha leaders but he shares the limitations of a purely communal organisation. Dr. Mookerjee rightly stated in his address that there could be no political settlement in India without the Congress and that the continued detention of its leaders and workers retarded the well-being of the country. Yet the Mahasabha as a body has so far done little to see that justice is done to Congress. Nay a paper like the "Tribune" of Lahore, which is in no sense opposed to the interests of the Hindus, has felt constrained to say on the eve of the Lahore session of the Mahasabha; "There are opportunists, jealous of the power and influence of the Congress, who would have the Mahasabha do everything possible to consolidate its position in the absence of the Congress, even if it be to the extent of joining hands with the League, not on the basis of a comprehensive agreement over the issues which divide them but on a basis of division of spoils." The paper does well to warn the Mahasabha that "those who in the absence of the Congress want to strike bargains with British Imperialism over smaller issues like offices here and percentage of representation there will not be stealing a march over the Congress, but betraying the interests of the country and community alike."

Dr. Mookerjee knows the British administration in India but too well. He only repeats a familiar truth when he says that Government have far too long followed the policy of "divide and rule." He is right, too, when he demands that Government should now at least retrace their steps and hand over power to the people. But the question is how to bell the cat, how to get the Government to part with power. The present policy of the Mahasabha or of the League is ill calculated to bring about that result. Those who are earnest about Indian independence and about a lasting settlement in India can further their aims best by agitating first for the release of Congress leaders and then for a settlement between the Congress and the League.

Fifth Christmas

Among the earliest recorded utterances of men there is a prayer addressed to the "Goddess of the Night", which runs to this effect: 'We do not see the other end of thee, who seemest interminable! May we reach thy other side in safety!" Millions upon millions in all quarters of the globe to-day must be mutely uttering a similar prayer in their inmost hearts for deliverance from the dreadful desolation of the war which has enveloped this earth like the thickfall of a Cimmerian darkness that defies all attempts of human eyes to pierce through to know when it will lift itself. The fifth Christmas of the war—Christmas which enshrines the eternal hopes of millions for the early reign of "Peace on earth"—has not brought with it any definite assurance of the approaching end of the travail through which humanity is passing. On the other hand, every new sign of the times points to even greater sufferings in store for the world than it has endured so far. All the recent broadcasts from Allied, enemy and neutral quarters, warn the peoples of the world that the bloodiest battles of the war have still to come and that the toll of death and suffering that the next phase of the war will take may exceed the toll of the past four and a half years. Said President Roosevelt in his Christmas message, "The war is now reaching a stage where we shall have to look forward to large casualty lists—dead, wounded and missing. The war entails just that. There is no easy road to victory. And the end is not yet in sight." And, yet, according to his own admission, the United States of America has now more than ten million men in its armed forces, of whom nearly four millions have been sent overseas. The figures of the total British combatant forces of all kinds have not been disclosed, but there is every probability that the fifth million has not only been reached but also exceeded. The Russian and Axis totals must each be exceeding any of these huge totals by at least fifty per cent. The Japanese and Chinese combatants, too, must be counted in millions, though it is difficult to say how many. The aggregate total of all the forces, Allied and enemy, either locked-up in deadly conflict or grimly facing one another ready for the fray, cannot, thus, be below the staggering figure of fifty million souls! And the vast majority of them have yet to receive their baptism of fire!

FRANKLY SPEAKING

A Heavy Blow

The loss of the "Scharnhorst" will be a very heavy blow to the Germans, who will have left to them only two other capital ships of the same highest class, namely, the much battered "Tirpitz" and "Gneisenau", and two pocket-battleships. The former two ships have probably been repaired by now and may be in a fit condition to take to sea, though nothing definite can be said about this, as they have not ventured out after their encounters with British naval craft. The sinking of the "Scharnhorst" will be most grievously felt by the enemy as it comes on the eve of a threatened cross-channel invasion of Europe when she would have proved a formidable weapon against the Allies. According to a reliable estimate, as against the four capital ships now left to Germany, Britain has 15 such ships. Britain has also half a dozen air-craft carriers and at least 60 cruisers, while Germany has only one air-craft carrier, "Graf Zeppelin", and half a dozen cruisers. Further, while Britain is understood to have at least 300 destroyers, Germany has probably not more than a score. Germany, it is true, has a larger proportion of submarines, but this cannot make up for the hopeless deficiency she suffers from in respect of surface ships.

Committee Of Action

The Muslim League has adopted a resolution appointing a Committee of Action "to prepare and organise the Mussalmans all over India to meet all contingencies, resist the imposition of All-India Federation or any other constitution for one united India and prepare them for the coming struggle for the achievement of Pakistan." Considering that the action contemplated is preparatory, the surprise is that such a committee was not appointed earlier. However, let us wait and see. After all, strengthening any section of India is to that extent an advantage and is far better than repeating slogans and threats.

A Five-Year Plan

Another Committee has been appointed to prepare "a five-year programme for the economic and social uplift and industrialisation in Pakistan zones." What about the Muslims in other zones and the Hindus in the Pakistan zones? However, in this case, too, some constructive work for the poor people is much to be welcomed. One of the speakers on this resolution said that the League must "show to the people that it was an organisation not of Landlords, Zamindars and Jagirdars but a body devoted to the cause of the labourer and the peasant who formed the majority in the body politics." That is a good idea and when it shows itself in action it will be much appreciated. As regards another idea of the speaker, that the resolution sought to make the Muslim India self-sufficient without having to rely for anything on Hindu India, it seems to be rather a difficult proposition. But the difficulty will not be immediately appreciated by those who have not paused to study the A B C of the economics of Pakistan.

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

Gaekwar On Growth Of Provincial Literatures

BARODA, Dec. 25.

"The vigorous growth of provincial literatures is a healthy sign of our times. The diversities in these cultures are more apparent than real; for through all of them runs a fundamental unity which is based on our common heritage to which the religions which have arisen in India and the religions to which, with a tolerance unequalled elsewhere in history, India has afforded cordial welcome, have all made their contribution. The regional cultures lend variety, colour and richness to India's life; but their underlying unity should not be forgotten", said the Gaekwar of Baroda inaugurating the 15th session of the Gujarati Sahitya Parishad to-day.

He suggested to the Parishad that it should arrange to bring out editions of great works in the Gujarati language with critical introductions dealing with their place in the general history and culture of Gujarat and of India and the lives of the authors, and that it should publish suitable books for general reading to classes, bring the people in touch with the best thoughts of the leading Gujarati authors, and that it should publish

Re-Organisation Of Small States

NEED FOR AN ENQUIRY

(BY P. L. CHUDGAR)

The Bhadwa Talukdar, the Chief of a petty jurisdictional Taluka in Kathiawar, along with others, presented a revisional application to the Judicial Commissioner, Western India States Agency, challenging the validity and legality of the scheme of attachment of smaller States and Talukas to bigger States promulgated by His Excellency the Crown Representative by a Notification dated 16-4-43.

A Special Bench of three Judges was constituted by the Crown Representative to hear the petition and the Bench has unanimously decided that the scheme of attachment being contrary to the Government of India Act, 1935, was 'ultra-vires' and the Notifications taking away the jurisdiction of the Judicial Commissioner's Court and all other Courts of the Agency over civil and criminal cases pending in the Courts and arising in the attached areas and transferring that jurisdiction to the Courts of the attaching States, being consequential to the attachment scheme and also because they exceeded the limits of the powers delegated to the Crown Representative by the Foreign Jurisdiction Order in Council 1902, as amended by the Order in Council 1937, are also void and of no effect.

This judgment has created an extremely embarrassing position for the Crown Representative and his advisers generally known as the Political Department, for the attaching States and the attached Talukas and innumerable complications have arisen and a most difficult problem faces the Crown Representative and his advisers.

All sorts of speculations as to how the problem will be solved or can be solved are being made in the press and otherwise, and it is necessary to state the complications and consider what courses are open to the Crown Representative and his advisers to extricate themselves from the mess in which they find themselves.

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Several units both jurisdictional and non-jurisdictional have already been attached, the Thanas have been abolished, hundreds of Agency servants have been relieved of their services or transferred to the attaching States, cases civil and criminal have been transferred to the attaching States, some of them have already been decided by the Courts of those States and the hearings of others have been fixed; the Agency Police have also been removed, several laws have been introduced by the attaching States into the attached areas, and Notifications regulating food supply, control of prices, etc., under the Defence of India Rules have also been promulgated by the attaching States in the attached areas; in short, the whole administration executive, legislative and judicial has been taken over by the attaching States.

All this has now been held to be void and of no effect, and the decision of the Judicial Commissioners' Bench restores the position as it existed before the attachment scheme was put into force; the result is that the cases transferred to the Courts of the attaching States must be withdrawn and the decisions passed by the Courts of the attaching States must be held to be void and the cases must be re-heard: the officers and servants of the attaching States appointed to administer the attached areas have no powers executive or judicial to carry on the administration because they are not the servants of the W.I.S. Agency; the Laws and Notifications issued and applied by the attaching States have become ultra-vires and cannot be enforced.

The most difficult position is the awful dead-lock and a very tense situation exists because if criminal offences occur in the attached areas and they occur from day to day, the Police of the attaching States cannot arrest or take cognizance of the offences nor can the Courts do so, and if they do so, they would be liable to be prosecuted for wrongful confinement.

The question which is persistently asked is what will the Crown Representative and his advisers do to solve this problem.

Some people imagine that the Crown Representative will issue some new Notification validating the whole thing and give retrospective effect to it; others think that a new Order in Council will be issued by the Crown delegating His Majesty's powers of prerogative to the Crown Representative by an Order in Council to delegate the Crown's powers to persons under the authority of the attaching States; yet others think that the Act of 1935 will be amended so as to take out all small States from the category of Indian States and some people think that the Crown Representative and his advisers will ignore the Judicial Commissioners' decision altogether and without taking any notice of it, they will adhere to the scheme of attachment.

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In my humble opinion, the courses open to the Crown Representative and his advisers, are the following:—

(1) To consult their legal advisers whether the decision of the Bench of the Judicial Commissioners can be challenged as unsound or untenable; if they are advised that it can be challenged, the course open to them is to constitute a Bench of Judges under the Order in Council, 1937, and to appeal from the decision to the Bench: that Bench to be constituted of Judges of the status of High Court Judges.

(2) The Bench of the Judicial Commissioners have held that their Court is the King's Court, and if that finding is acceptable to the Crown Representative, it is open to him to appeal to the Privy Council, but they are not likely to follow that course, as they may not accept the finding that the Judicial Commissioner's Court is a King's Court in view of the decision of the Privy Council in Hemchand vs. Sakerlal.

(3) If they do not consider the first course advisable, the only other course left open to them is to move a Bill in Parliament amending Government of India Act 1935 so as to take out all the small States in India from the category of Indian States as defined in Section 311 and to preserve the Crown's prerogative to deal with them in any manner he likes, and an order in Council may then be issued delegating to the Crown Representative the powers to attach them to bigger States.

It is absurd to suppose that the Crown Representative will be advised to ignore the decision of the Tribunal constituted by himself and before which he appeared as a party to support the case; he will never be advised to do so; the decision must and will be respected.

There seems to be no other course open to the Crown Representative and his advisers to solve the problem.

The amendment of the Act of 1935, some people think, can be obtained overnight in one sitting of the House of Commons and the King's assent can be obtained on the same day but in my humble opinion, it is not so easy, it will require very anxious deliberation by the whole Cabinet, because such an amendment would have very far reaching consequences, in that it would mean the abrogation of all the proclamations and pledges given from 1858 down to date assuring the Princes large and small that the integrity of their States would be scrupulously respected.

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The scheme of attachment has been condemned by all concerned, viz., the attached Talukas, the attaching States and above all the people of the attached States for whose benefit it is said to have been devised; it is clearly calculated to defeat its own purpose because the existing powers of the attached Talukdars and the Chiefs have been maintained intact and the attaching States themselves are all arbitrarily governed by their respective Princes and there is no promise for the introduction of constitutional reforms in those States or for any reasonable progress or promotion of the moral and material well-being of their own people; in short, the scheme has not been acceptable to anybody, it has created acute disaffection allround and it is open to the criticism that it is a device to maintain Imperialist hold on one hundred millions of the State peoples and create a formidable opposition of reactionary elements against the rising tide of nationalism in what is known as British India.

If the intentions of the Government are really *bonafide* and if they mean what they say, the decision of the Bench of the Judicial Commissioners gives them an opportunity to reconsider the whole question 'de novo' and to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the best way of solving the problem, to take evidence of all concerned and suggest the best way of doing away with too many smaller States. Nobody denies not even the smaller States that they require better organisation designed to secure the moral and material progress of their people but the attachment scheme is far from calculated to secure it.

Meanwhile the deadlock created can be best resolved by issuing a Notification saying that the present administration shall be deemed to be the administration under the direct control of the Western India States Agency and the attaching States should be advised to issue corresponding Notifications, and all the Officers of the attaching States functioning in the attaching areas should be deemed to be the officers of the Agency; their salaries and other expenses of the administration may be adjusted in the best possible way.

Sweeping Powers For League Committee Of Action

Jinnah Announces Personnel And Defines Its Functions

KARACHI, Dec. 27.

The Working Committee of the Muslim League which met this morning at the residence of Mr. Yusuf Haroon, has appointed a parliamentary board of three members in pursuance of the suggestion made by Mr. Jinnah in his presidential address. The members of the Committee are:—Nawabzada Liaquatali Khan; Chaudhuri Khaliquazaman; and the Hon'ble Mr. Hossain Imam.

After Mr. Jinnah, who presided over the meeting, had announced the appointment of the Committee of Action, the Working Committee resolved that in view of the appointment of that Committee, it was not necessary to constitute a separate All-India Civil Defence Committee as its functions will also be exercised by the Committee of Action.

JINNAH'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Jinnah's announcement to the working committee regarding appointment of Council of Action reads:—

"In persuance of Resolution Number One passed by the All-India Muslim League session held at Karachi on 25th December 1943, I appoint the following committee till the next annual session to undertake immediately the work of organising, co-ordinating and unifying the Provincial Leagues and the entire Muslim League organisation in consonance with the constitution, rules and programme of the All-India Muslim League.

Mr. Jinnah announced that the following powers have been delegated to the Committee as authorised by the League constitution."

To appoint or institute sub-committees for carrying out such duties and functions as may be entrusted to them; to control, direct and regulate all the activities of the various Provincial Leagues, strictly in consonance with the aims of objects and rules of the All-India Muslim League; to take discipinary action against any member of the League who violates the decisions of the League or acts in contravention of its aims and objects, subject to a right of appeal to the Council of All-India Muslim League; to suspend, dissolve or disaffiliate any Provincial League which fails in its duties, infringes or ignores the decisions or directions of the higher bodies and to take disciplinary action against any office-bearer of a Provincial League who fails in his duties or ignores the decisions or directions of the Working Committee or hinders the progress of the League in any manner whatsoever, subject to the right of appeal.

The personnel of the Committee of Action is as follows: Nawab Ismail Khan (Chairman); Mr. G. M. Syed; Haji Sattar Essack Sait; Nawab Iftakar Hussain Khan of Mamdot; Kazi Mohamud Isa; and Nawabzada Liaqatali Khan (Convener).

MUSLIM STUDENTS' ASSURANCE

The Sind Muslim Students Federation which met to-day under the presidentship of Mr. Jamal Mian passed four resolutions. It accepted the leadership of Mr. Jinnah and assured him that the students of Sind are prepared for any sacrifices to achieve Pakistan. The Federation urged that the Arabic language should be taught in schools to enable the students to understand Koran.

It was also urged that Urdu should be made compulsory after the primary stage.

Pir Elahi Bux Education Minister who was the Chairman of the Reception Committee assured the conference that orders had been passed to make Urdu a compulsory subject in the vernacular final course after the primary stage.—A. P.

Fair Deal For Workers

Jamnadas Mehta's Plea

"What will be the position of India? Shall we attain freedom or shall we still remain a subject race under Imperial Britain to be expoited till the next war breaks out again to be promised democracy and again leading to stultification in the same manner as in the last war?" asked Mr Jamnadas Mehta, presiding over the first annual session of the Indian Federation of Labour held at the Marwadi Vidyalaya Hall on Monday evening.

After referring to the history in brief of the Indian Federation of Labour which was inaugurated 2 years ago at Lahore Mr. Mehta said that the organization could claim that they had the majority of the organised labour affiliated to the Federation which was run in the interest of the workers and for securing to them decent living conditions and political power. The present condition of the Indian workers was worst and the direct burden of the War had fallen mostly on the poor. The labour class was not getting adequate dearness allowance to meet the high costs of daily necessities. He urged on behalf of the Federation that the workers should be given a fair deal for their hard work.

After criticising the Congress in his usual way Mr. Mehta remarked "that the 'Quit India' resolution should be immediately withdrawn and those who are detained merely on suspicion should be simultaneously released this is the right and the best course: but both parties are standing on prestige and the deadlock continues. I am not however of the opinion that even the withdrawal of the resolution and the release of the detenus will bring the political settlement nearer. The approach to such a settlement is quite different from that now adopted by the Government and the political parties. That settlement will never come unless the British Government has a genuine intention of doing the right and unless the political parties are prepared to consider the question of India's freedom not from the point of isolation from the rest of the world or by separating from one another; India's freedom hereafter is going to be a part and parcel of world freedom."

Earlier Mrs. Maniben Kara welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Reception Committee. She said that Indian Labourers could follow no other policy than that of Anti-Fascist policy.

The Session was also addressed by Messrs. M. N. Roy, I. N. Maitra and Aftaball from Calcutta.

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which in its turn is the essence of Communism!

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The Professor of Biology explained to his class the spawning of fish. "So you see," he concluded, "the female fish deposits her eggs, the male fish comes along and fertilizes them, and later the little fish are hatched."

One of the girls held up hand. "You mean, Professor, that the father and mother fish.....that they.....that before that nothing happened?"

"Nothing", said the Professor. "Which doubtless explains the expression, 'Poor fish'."

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

"The Muslim League must show to the people that it was an organisation not of Landlords, Zamindars and Jagirdars but a body devoted to the cause of the labourer and the peasant who formed the majority in the body politic."

—Report of a speech at the Muslim League Session.

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Mr. Y. D. Sharma, Secretary of the Delhi Communist Party, has appealed to the Muslim League to give up its present negative attitude.

That's very unfair of the Comrade—asking "mass organisation of patriotic Indians" to give up its raison d'etre,' virtually to commit political harakiri!

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"Music knows no politics," says Sir Radhakrishnan.

On the other hand, in politics there is a lot of music—as many tunes as there are politicians.

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According to an American broadcaster from Naples, the Allies won't be in Rome before April.

That's all right—so long as it means that they 'will' be there in April at least! Or will it prove to be an April Fool joke?

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The Muslim Leaguers have resolved that from now on there will be no talk but action for Pakistan.

We hope they stick to the "no talk" part of their resolve.

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Sardar Aurangzeb Khan, the Frontier Premier, said that in Pakistan the conditions of the minorities would be such as to attract even the Hindus from Hindu India to come and live in Pakistan.

But if the Hindus really migrate in large numbers, Pakistan no longer will remain Pakistan. It may end up as Hindustan!

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In his Christmas broadcast, the King said:—

"Once again from our home in England the Queen and I send our Christmas greetings and good wishes to each one of you all the world over. Some of you may hear me in your aircraft, on board your ships, or as you wait for battle in the jungles of the Pacific islands or on the Italian hills Some of you may listen to me as you rest from your work or as you lie sick or wounded in hospital.....

You are forgetting one class of your subjects, Your Majesty. But then they have not yet installed any radio sets in Indian jails!

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) The Hindu Mahasabha passed a resolution demanding Pakistan.

(2) The Muslim League passed a resolution demanding the release of Congress leaders.

(3) The Liberal Federation will pass a resolution threatening direct action if India's demand for complete independence is not conceded.

(4) The Communist Party of India will pass an amendment at its next convention, pledging its support to "Sindhu", the new 'avatar' of Pakistan.

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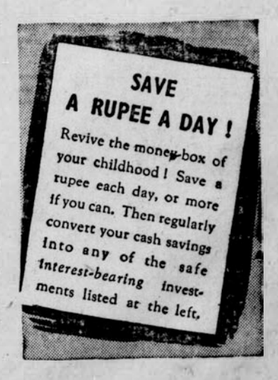
What are your post-war aims?

AFTER the war the shops will once again be full of goods at reasonable prices. Those who have spent extravagantly in wartime will regret it, because wartime purchases are plain bad value for money.

To fulfil your private post-war plans you should start saving NOW. Cut out all but essential expenditure. Save for the day when low prices will return.

SAVE FOR THE FUTURE

Don't give your money to the profiteers! Keep it *safely* until after the war by investing in a Co-operative Society, by taking out Insurance, by opening a Bank Savings Account, an account with the Post Office Savings Bank, or best of all, by investing in Government Loans and Savings Certificates. *Don't* put your money into gold, silver, jewellery or goods the present high prices of which will fall as Victory approaches.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A RUPEE A DAY!
Revive the money-box of your childhood! Save a rupee each day, or more if you can. Then regularly convert your cash savings into any of the safe interest-bearing investments listed at the left.

A NATIONAL APPEAL BY THE NATIONAL WAR FRONT

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If a Dealer charges High prices....

A dealer commits an offence under section 6 of the Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Ordinance, 1943, if he sells an article (except foodgrains and other articles which are separately controlled) at a rate higher than the landed cost or cost of production plus 20 p cent.

It is also an offence to compel a purchaser to buy another article while purchasing the one he wants.

If you think that a dealer has charged you above the permissible limit or compelled you to buy an article you do not want, inform the Controller of Prices, Secretariat, Bombay.

Remember: the Ordinance can be made a success only if EVERY CONSUMER ACTS AS AN INSPECTOR.

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WHEN BABY COUGHS IN THE NIGHT

To ease that terrifying night cough without fussing or "dosing", simply rub baby with Vicks VapoRub. Its healing vapours, which he inhales, clear the air passages, soothe irritation. And, like a poultice, it eases his chest. In a jiffy, baby, and mother, are asleep again. A bedtime rub with VapoRub usually *prevents* night coughing.

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13th WEEK OF CROWDS

NEW WEST END

Daily: 4, 7, 10 p.m.

CITY AND SUBURBS

TO-DAY

Hindu: Posh Shud 1, 2000
Muslim: Jilhej 29, 1362
Parsi: Tir 25, 1313
Sunrise: 8-12 a.m. Sunset: 7-8 p.m.
Hightide: 0-44, 12-28. Lowtide: 6-49, 18-36

To-day's Engagements

INDIAN FEDERATION OF LABOUR Workers' Rally at Worli 6-30 p.m.

PARSI ARTS & CRAFTS SALE: Varieties of household articles, new cloth hoisery and other requisites at cheapest rates under the auspices of the Parsi Employment Bureau at Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall from to-morrow (Wednesday) to January 3, 1944, (open from 9-30 a.m. to 7-30 p.m.)

IN AID OF RUSSIAN RED CROSS: Under the auspices of the Communist Party (Bombay Committee two Soviet picturs will be exhibited in aid of the Russian Red Cross and the Party Fighting Fund at Royal Opera House, to-morrow (Wednesday) at 10 a.m. The rates are: Rs. 2-4, 1-12, 1-2, As. 12, and 9.

BENGAL CLUB SPORTS.

The Sixth Annual Sports of the Bengal Club will be held at the St. Xavier's College Gymkhana, Parel, on Sunday, January 16. Entries for same will close on January 7

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS.

BOMBAY, Dec. 27.

The Governor of Bombay received H. H. The Maharaja of Porbandar, H. H. The Maharaja of Dhrangadhra and the Yuvaraja of Porbandar at Government House.

Churchgate Tragedy Revelations

BOMBAY, Monday.

Startling disclosures concerning the double shooting tragedy which occurred at Churchgate Station on Christmas Eve were related to-day at the Coroner's Court.

The man, who shot himself was Sergeant-Major William Charles James and the woman, whom he shot dead was his wife Mrs. Margaret James, daughter of Sydney Oscar Venant, an Officer of the Royal Air Force.

Two letters, said to be written by the deceased, which still remain to be identified, throw a flood of light on the tragedy.

Sydney Oscar Venant gave evidence at the inquest to-day.

Witness's son also gave evidence next.

The Coroner visited the hospital where Mrs. Eda Venant, who also sustained injuries in this shooting incident, is lying. The letter was shown to her. She identified it as being that written by her son-in-law, Sergeant James.

A verdict of death caused by a revolver shot wound in the head self-inflicted, whilst in a state of momentary insanity was recorded by the Coroner's jury at the inquest on Sergeant James.

In the case of the woman the following verdict was given: Death caused by a revolver wound in the chest inflicted by Sergeant James before he shot himself.

PRIVATE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT ON JAGIRDAR'S DEATH MYSTERY

BOMBAY, Monday

The mystery of the death of Raja Bahadur Khajaprasad Arjun Kumar, son of the late Maharaja Sir Kisen Prasad, Prime Minister of Hyderabad, has not been so far cleared up.

Rai Ramchandra Asthna, Private Secretary to the deceased and M. Kandaswami, a servant of the deceased gave evidence.

The deceased was one of the wealthiest Jagirdars in Hyderabad State.

The inquest stands adjourned pending the report of the Chemical Analyser.

The Half-Column "By Dim"

From a report on Muslim League happenings:

"At some points on the route of the procession, people from the balconies of houses showered silver coins on Mr. Jinnah; a Muslim association presented a purpose 'en route'."

It was about time even a Printer's Devil presented Mr. Jinnah with a PURPOSE!

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I had to content myself with dictation over the week-end due to a bandaged eye. Looking over the typed pages I find new words and new phrases for which credit must go to the typist. "It was no longer HIGH POTHETICAL", reads one sentence and later someone feels "MELON CHOLIC." The Gent on Dash Dash Road must wake up if he wants to beat this record.

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Can anyone help me to trace the following beautiful stanza?

"A nigger stood by the river
He was tall and black and thin,
He wasn't trying to catch a fish
Just teaching the worn to swim."

DEATH OF CATHOLIC LADY DOCTOR

The Catholic community of Bombay has sustained a serious loss in the premature death of Dr. (Mrs.) Myrtle Noronha on Christmas Eve. Dr. (Mrs.) Noronha, practised in Bombay for more than 20 years.

Late Dr. (Mrs.) Myrtle Noronha.

She specialised in social diseases and Gynaecology and Obstetrics. She was educated in Bombay and abroad and was an Honorary Magistrate and a J.P.

The funeral which took place on Christmas Day was largely attended and there were heaps of floral tributes.

The obsequies were performed by the Archbishop of Bombay.

KERALA SAMAJ EXTENDS ACTIVITY

Co-op. Hostel And Credit Societies Launched

The Bombay Keraleya Samaj took a leap forward in its activities in the service of Keralites in Bombay when it launched two co-operative ventures on Sunday. One is a Co-operative Hostel Society with facilities for lodging and the other is a Co-operative Credit Society. The meetings were held at the premises of the King George English School, Dadar. Mr. E. P. Menon presided over the meeting where the Co-operative Hostel Society was formally inaugurated. A Managing Committee was elected at the meeting. Mr. V. K. Menon who was announced as the originator of the idea and gave financial and other encouragement to have it brought into existence was unanimously elected as the President of the Society.

The meeting of those who had already subscribed to the shares of the Co-operative Credit Society was also held at the same place. Mr. V. K. Menon presided. The bye-laws of the Society were accepted and a Board of Management with Mr. Menon as President was elected. A Committee of Control was also elected. It was announced at the meeting that 325 shares had already been subscribed and there were many promises. It was decided to call up the full value of 750 shares before the Credit Society actually started its business.

DR. K. B. MENON AND OTHERS CHARGED

Sensational Bomb Case Trial Opens

(From A Correspondent).

CALICUT, Dec 22.

Trial opened here last Monday in *the Court of the Sub-Divisional Magistrate*, of the sensational political case known as the "Kizhariyur Bomb Case" in which *Dr. K. B. Menon*, Secretary, All-India Civil Liberties' Union and 31 others stand charged *under various sections of the Indian* Penal Code and the D.I.R. with having conspired to commit acts of sabotage to Government property by explosive substances, following the disturbances of August, 1942.

Eight of the 32 accused are absconding.

There are as many as 86 witnesses for the prosecution.

MAHAJAN ASSOCIATION

BOMBAY, Dec 27.

The annual general meeting of the Mahajan Association Ltd. was held on Saturday. Mr. Esserdas Jamnadas, who presided, appealed to Viscount Wavell to end the political deadlock by releasing the national leaders and forming a National Government. He hoped that the Mahajan would be allowed to function as a Forward Cotton Market.

A discussion then ensued on the subject of efforts for securing permission for the resumption of forward cotton transactions for the Mahajan's bazar.

Seventeen members were elected as Directors of the Board for the Samvat year 2,000.

LIBERAL LEADERS IN BOMBAY

The 24th session of National Liberal Federation will be held at J. J. Mody Hall, Apollo Street, Fort, on Wednesday (Dec. 29) at 5 p.m. and on Friday (Dec. 31) at 12 noon.

The Rt. Hon. V. S. Shrinivasa Sastri and Mr. T. R. Venkatrama Sastri arrived on Sunday night. Pandit H. N. Kunzru is already in Bombay. Kunwar Sir Maharaj Singh, President-elect, will arrive in Bombay, to-day by the Punjab Mail. Sir B. P. Singh Roy, the retiring President arrived by Calcutta Mail on Monday.

WOMEN'S DEMAND FOR MILK PRICE CONTROL

Resolutions demanding immediate control of milk prices, cheap and dry coal, and selling of kerosene in Government shops at fixed hours were passed at a meeting organised by the Joint Committee appointed by all the women's organizations in North Bombay. Various speakers stressed the point that women alone could solve their problems in the difficult situation that confronted the people at present.

CITY MARKETS

Bombay, Dec. 27.

BULLION: On Saturday London and New York markets were closed. To-day the sentiment in the local market was influenced by lower Indore quotations of Silver. There being no sales of Gold by the Bank the market was steady, as decided all transfers to the next delivery period were done at a discount of Rs. 1/8. Bears are suffering this loss owing to their inability to deliver against their sales and it remains to be seen how long the present state continues: The main trend of quotations being downward sales even at an undue low rates continue. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 70-8 and the current delivery stood at Rs. 69-14 while next delivery business was done at Rs. 68-8 Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 113-4 and the current delivery quotation was Rs. 112-4 and the next delivery business was done at Rs. 110-8.

The market ruled very steady and finally closed at Rs. 115/- for ready silver, Rs. 111/8 for delivery. Ready Gold Rs. 71/11 and delivery Rs. 69/7. Sovereigns Rs. 49/4

COTTON: The local Cotton Market opened to-day at Rs. 467-8 for January delivery and declined to Rs. 466 on moderate selling. At the decline there was some short covering and prices steadied at Rs. 467. The market continues more or less dull with a restricted turnover and prices are fluctuating within a narrow range The market does not suggest any important price movement pending approach of the delivery period.

The market ruled steady with moderate supuort and improved to Rs. 470 Final closing quotations at 6 p.m. were as under:

I. C. C. Jan. 469-8-0
I. C. C. March 466-12-0
I. C. C. May 469-8-0

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HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Dec. 24.

I C C January high 472/8, low 469, close 469/4, I C C March high 469, low 466/4, close 466/8, I C C May high 470, low 467/8, close 468/8

Bombay, Dec. 25.

I C C January high 469/8, low 467, close 468, I C C March high 466, low 465, close 465/8, I C C May high 468, low 467, close 467/12.

NEW YORK.—The Muslim community in the Argentine has bought a site in the Fiorista district, in the heart of Buenos Aires, for the establishment of a religious and cultural centre.

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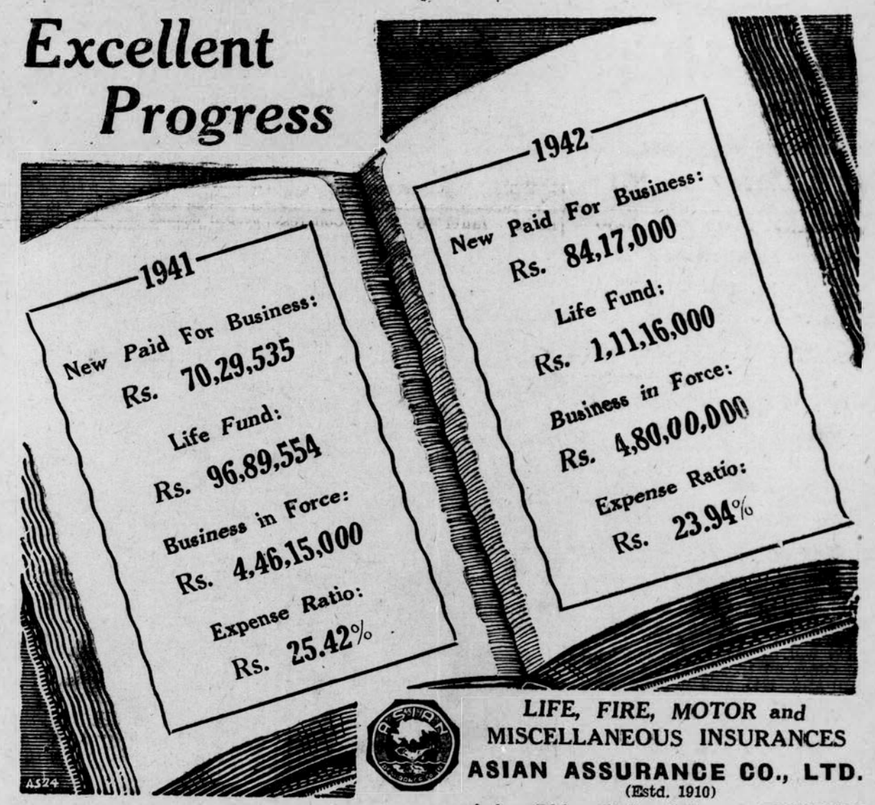

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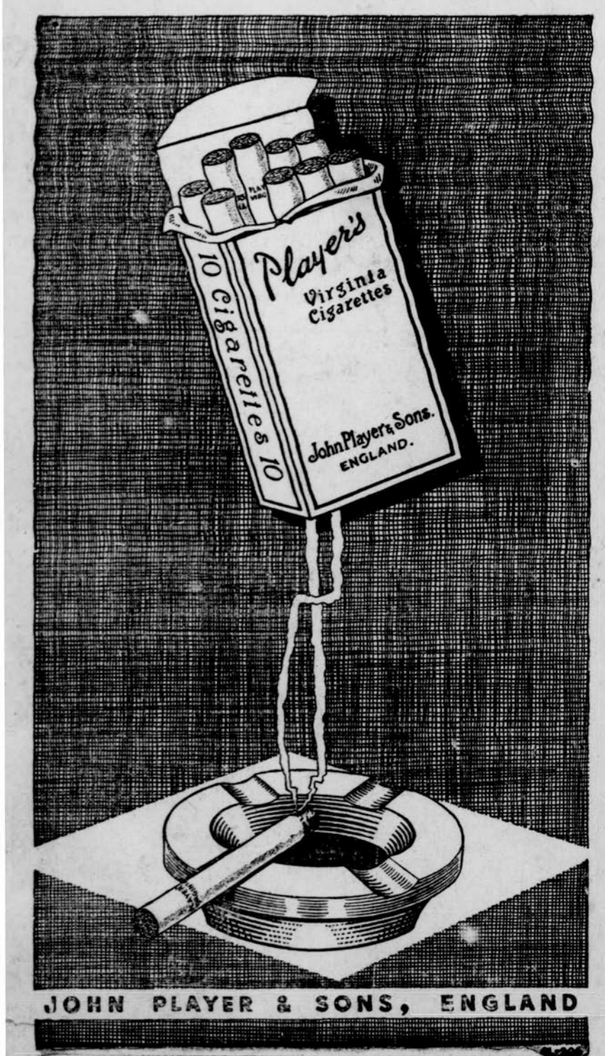

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BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
IN PURSUANCE of a requisition, received under Section 36 (d) of the Municipal Act, for calling a Special Meeting of the Corporation to consider a proposal to represent to Government the desirability of introducing rationing of kerosene oil or devising other method whereby the public can obtain kerosene for their daily requirements, etc., a SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION will be held in the Municipal Office on MONDAY, the 10TH JANUARY, 1944, at 2 P. M. (Bombay Time).
By Order of His Worship the Mayor,
B. V. MODY,
Municipal Secretary.
Municipal Corporation Office.
Bombay, 27th December, 1943.
7304

MACHINE TOOL CONTROL
IMPORT LICENSES.
LICENCE HOLDERS for import of goods falling under Machine Tool Control Order 1941 are informed that in cases where the goods such as Graphite/Carbon Electrodes, Spares and Accessories covered by such licences have been shipped but lost 'en route' to India, replacement consignments can be imported against the original licence provided such consignments are shipped within the period of its validity Applications for extension of period of validity of such licences will be considered on merits.
If the lost goods were shipped from United Kingdom, North America, Australia, East Africa or South Africa, steps will be taken, on receipt of information by the Machine Tool Controller of the details of the loss and the particulars of the licence, to advise the authorities in the exporting country that the licence is still valid, so that they may give assistance again in regard to shipment of the replacement consignment.
Holders of import licences valid for July-December 1943 are further informed that where it has not been possible to ship the stores covered by them within the prescribed period, they may apply to the Machine Tool Controller for revalidation of these licences to cover shipment in the period **January-June 1944.**
(7308)

PUBLIC NOTICES

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Kalyan		Dep. 13-29
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Vasind		Dep. 13-59
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LOST
POLICY No. W/165101 dated 22nd January 1919 for Rs. 3,000 (Rupees Three thousand) granted by the Phoenix Assurance Company, Limited, on the life of Vrajlal Pranjivandas Dalal which Policy now remains in force for the reduced sum of Rs. 437 owing to non-payment of premiums. Will any person having information regarding the above, kindly communicate with the Phoenix Assurance Company, Limited, "Koshak", Newul Kishore Road, Hazratganj, Lucknow.
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E. J. DAWSON,
Secretary & Treasurer.
Bombay, 23rd December, 1943.
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.
Our client BAI WAWOOJIBAI, widow of Chandulal Dadoba Parelkar is the owner of the immovable property, situate at Parbhadevi Road, bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1104 of Lower Parel Division, "G" Ward Nos. 3005(5), 3006, 3019 (1) and 3019(2), Street Nos. 140b, 155B, 34A and 34. The title deeds for the purpose of safe-custody were with our client's son Girijanath Chandulal Parelkar who died in February, 1943. The said title deeds are missing and our client has been unable to trace the same in spite of diligent search made therefor. Any person having possession or custody of the said title deeds or having information on the subject is requested to communicate with the undersigned at Alli Chambers, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay.
Dated this 24th day of December, 1943.
THAKORDAS DARU HEMANI & CO.,
Attorneys for Bai Wawoojibai, widow of Chandulal Dadoba Parelkar.
(7292)

NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai ALLU DINSHAW CAWASJI, MANECKSHA NUSSERWANJI POCHKHANAWALLA, FRAMJI SHAPURJI MEHTA and JEHANGIR SORABJI BAPASOLA, the proving Executors of the Will of the late Dinshaw Cawasji have contracted for the absolute sale to our client free from all encumbrances of the redeemed foras freehold land on the east side of DeLisle Road of the total area of 416,8/9 square yards together with the messuages and tenements thereon registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue as a part of Old No. 649, New No. 12629 and New Survey No. 1/2675 Cadastral Survey No. 1/193 Lower Parel Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes as a part of G Ward No. 2416((1) and Street No. 6 Delisle Road and bounded as follows, that is to say on the EAST by the Public Passage, on the NORTH by the passage belonging to the G. I. P. Railway, on the WEST by the property of Jamsedji Cowasji Toddiwalla and on the SOUTH by vacant land. All persons having any kind of claim whatsoever against the said property are requested to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Yusuf Building, Churchgate Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be treated as waived.
Dated this 28th day of December, 1943.
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Purchaser's Attorneys.
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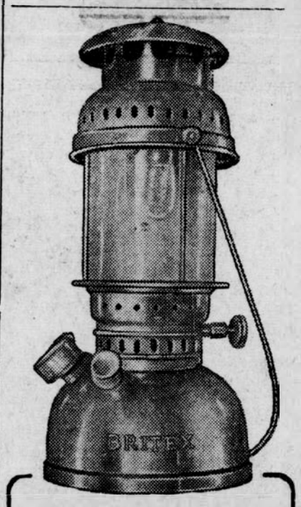
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